

Winemaker's Tasting Notes
Scot Covington – Winemaker

Trione 2012 Russian River Valley Syrah
River Road Ranch

River Road Ranch encompasses 115 acres in the epicenter of the Russian River Valley AVA. The well-drained soils and fog-cooled nights are ideal for Syrah, yielding grapes with exceptional depth and complexity. The fruit comes from a single vineyard block planted with clone #470. Vintage 2012 was ideal weather, allowing slow ripening and full flavor development. We hand-harvested just under 6 tons of fruit at the end of October.

Cases produced: 577
Suggested California retail price \$32

Winemaking:

We make Syrah with similar labor-intensive techniques we use with Pinot Noir: fermentation in small, open-top tanks with a portion of whole berries, gently submerging the cap four times daily to extract maximum flavor and color. The whole berries contributed deep fruit character and intensity. We blended 5% Viognier for added floral aromatics. The wine aged 18 months in French oak barrels.

Winemaker Notes:

This wine is the epitome of a cool climate Syrah—concentrated with layers of flavor. Ripe aromas of plums, blackberries and a clean earthiness—the scent of freshly turned soil—unfold on the palate, revealing complex flavors, depth and balance. This Syrah is rich, velvety and structured to age well for the next 3 - 5 years.

Alcohol: 14.9
Total Acid: 6.20 g/L
pH: 3.62